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FIGHTS OFF ARREST AT FATHER'S BURIAL

**Patsy Santone Presses Pistol
Against Policeman's Body
During Services at Grave.**

LURED HOME BY FUNERAL

**Man Accused of Shooting Last
Summer Finally Arrested
When Hiding.**

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 13.—The police had not been able to find any trace whatever of Patsy Santone since he shot Michael Spino of Waterbury last June. But to-day the detectives went to the church where his father's funeral was being held, hoping that the wanted man would appear. Santone came into the church and walked down the aisle, but when he looked back he saw the detectives closing around him and others coming into the church through the front door. He ran past the coffin of his father just as the priest was pronouncing the benediction, pursued by the police and went by automobile to St. Michael's Cemetery at Stratford.

Sergeant Ben Smith tried to arrest Santone while the body of the father was being lowered into the grave, but Santone drew a pistol and pressed it against the policeman's stomach.

"Make a move," he said, "and I'll kill you."

The pallbearers and the other mourners, standing behind the sergeant and the man that the Bridgeport and Waterbury police have been searching for since last June 8, appeared to notice nothing wrong because Smith and Santone were in the front rank, near the grave. The priest saw the pistol, but continued to intone the burial service without a break in his voice.

For several moments Sergeant Smith stood rigid, the pistol pressed against his body. Santone held it with his right hand, and with his left hand he removed his hat, while he watched both the policeman and the coffin in which his father's body was being lowered into the grave. He kept the policeman covered until the casket of earth began to fall upon the coffin and then he said:

"Now get out and get out quick!"

Sergeant Smith knew that Santone would shoot. He turned and left the cemetery and telephoned for help, while Santone fled through the woods to the home of another Italian not far from the cemetery. There he was found later by the police, who arrested him and will hold him for the Waterbury authorities. He was hiding behind a book case when the police entered the Italian's home, and since he had dropped his pistol while running through the woods, he gave no trouble.

PIERCE BUTLER CLEARED OF SHIPSTEAD CHARGES

**Subcommittee to Recommend
Confirmation by Senate.**

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
New York Herald Bureau.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—Charges filed by Senator-elect Shipstead (Minn.) against Pierce Butler of St. Paul, named twice by President Harding as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, failed to-day before the Senate Judiciary subcommittee which voted unanimously to recommend to the full committee Mr. Butler's confirmation.

None of the witnesses named by Mr. Shipstead to sustain his charges appeared.

White House reports to-day were to the effect that the President may name Senator Poindexter (Wash.), recently defeated for reelection, as the successor to Justice Pitney, who has resigned.

GIN FETE PUBLICITY ROLLS YOUNGER SET

**Elders of Manasquan Likely to
Force Advance in Cost
of Liquor.**

SENIOR, JR., SOREST IN SET

**Three Chinned Constable
With Heatless Car Hauls
Youth to Hear Charge.**

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
MANASQUAN, N. J., Dec. 13.—After thoroughly investigating the feelings of representative members of the younger set here, the writer can report with authority that they simply can't understand how the older generation could get so worked up about the little gin party that was pulled off on the beach a few nights ago.

There is also a practical aspect to the affair that does not escape the attention of the younger set, and that is that some of the hard boiled, cold storage eggs in the town are so rolled over the unpleasant publicity which the place has received that there is grave danger of some of the best bootleggers in town being put out of business, necessitating the importation of hip bottles from Asbury Park, Bradley Beach and other coastal points. Which would be expensive and inconvenient.

The older generation are absolutely incomprehensible to the younger elite of Manasquan. Take, for instance, the arrest of Ferd Senior at 2 o'clock in the morning at Brielle; the drive in a cold, unheated automobile through the dead of night back to Manasquan and the dramatic arraignment of Ferd in the chill room above the fire house half an hour later. "All utterly foolish and the silliest thing we've ever heard," is the composite opinion of the younger set, and in this particular Constable Cornelius, who made the arrest, heartily concurs.

Parents Were on Job.
When Manasquan first heard about the hilarious party of seven boys and four high school girls being encountered on the beach from the beach by two constables in a lightless Ford, and the subsequent rumors that several of the men were pretty well boiled, and one of the girls was somewhat incoherent, there was a general scramble of respective parents to deliver telling, but silent chastisement. They felt they were quite adequate to deal with the situation in the privacy of their own dwellings, employing the traditional weapons of outraged parenthood—and they were willing to let it go at that.

But an ubiquitous and energetic reporter of a neighboring newspaper dwelt at some length upon details of the party, using such terms as "orgy" to describe the general situation and "paralyzed" to describe the particular reactions of the individual members, and then Manasquan rose in its wrath and the Town Council decided to stage an "investigation." Tuesday night the Council met with a vengeance. It not only met but converted to angry tones from 8 o'clock in the evening until 2 o'clock yesterday morning.

Just what transpired in the Council Chamber no one but the Councilmen and the young woman stenographer ever will know, for at 9 o'clock Mayor Lloyd Riddle cleared the chamber of all extraneous personages. The ousted on-lookers stood around in shivering groups on the cold flagging of the fire house floor and waited for something dramatic. They had a long wait. At 1:30 A. M. Wednesday Justice of the Peace John A. Longstreet emerged from the meeting, followed by Charles Rice and Constable Cornelius.

Constable Cornelius went across the street and got a pair of handcuffs and slipped a revolver into his pocket. Then he hopped into a heatless sedan supplied by one of the local newspaper men

and drove to his home, where he routed out his son, Milne Cornelius, 19, who was one of the party and the champion witness of the investigation. Then began the long ride to Brielle to arrest Ferd Senior. There was a great bustle in the streets of Manasquan when the expedition set out, and many anxious inquiries were made about the probable outcome.

Arriving at the Senior residence, Constable Cornelius picked his way through a lane of growling dogs and walked gingerly up the steps. Senior, 32, responded to the knock of the law by lighting the entire house at one turn of an electric switch. He was silent, huddled resplendently in a night shirt at the upper window, and, braving pneumonia, leaned far out and wanted to know in no uncertain terms what the blueses was wanted.

In not less than ten minutes, during which time tiny icicles were forming on two of Constable Cornelius's three chins, Senior, Jr., came downstairs looking very pale and smoking a cigarette. He had not been informed of the charge against him and wanted to get back to Manasquan to throw a bluff bravado to cover up his anxiety. The Town Council had been waiting for Ferd and when the warrant was read charging him with "obtaining and possessing liquor" the expression of relief on Ferd's face was magnificent. He smiled, lit another cigarette and pleaded not guilty.

To-day Peter Nelson, 32 years old, was arrested on a charge that he is the man supposed to have sold the liquor to Ferd Senior. He pleaded not guilty and was held in \$1,000 bail to the Grand Jury, which is expected to consider the party.

BANK WRECKER TURNED HONEST GETS OFF EASY

**Lived Down Thefts During
Eight Years as Fugitive.**

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 13.—A former banker, fugitive from justice for eight years on seventeen charges of misapplication of funds, to-day received a minimum sentence in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta, because he was officially recognized that he "made good" in a position of trust during the years since he fled.

He is Homer H. Dean, former vice-president of the First National Bank of Sutton. He disappeared in August, 1914, while an audit was being made of the bank's accounts. The auditors pronounced the bank insolvent.

Dean was located and arrested last June. He had changed his name and had become sales manager for a successful concern. The company informed the Federal authorities that Dean had its complete confidence and that it would grant him a leave of absence until he served his sentence.

DELEGATES TO SPREAD FARM LABOR PROGRAM

**Disperse to Carry on Cam-
paigns in Home States.**

CLEVELAND, Dec. 13 (Associated Press).—Delegates to the second conference for progressive political action were leaving for their homes to-day to perfect State organizations for the nomination and election of candidates, either through "primaries of old parties" or by "independent political action," as prescribed in the program of organization adopted at the two day convention here.

THREE COMETS ON VIEW NOW A BIG TREAT TO OBSERVERS

**Spectacle Afforded to Astronomers for the First Time
in Many Years—Perrine's Tailed Star Has Joined
Skjellerup's and Baade's—Harvard Timing Flights.**

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 13 (Associated Press).—The spectacle of three comets swinging through the skies is afforded to astronomers for the first time in many years. To the two comets, Skjellerup's and Baade's, that have been under observation for weeks, another was added to-day. The tailed star known as Perrine's, making another visitation in our stellar system after an absence of two generations, has been sighted again. Announcement of the rediscovery of Perrine's comet was made by the Harvard College Observatory, clearing house in this country for astronomical reports. In a cablegram from the Central Bureau of Astronomical Telegrams at Copenhagen, a Japanese scientist reported having spotted the wanderer on November 23. The position which he gave is southeast of the star Procyon and about midway between the constellations Monoceros and Hydra. In magnitude the comet is comparatively faint, but in point of speed the daily method was said to be fairly fast. Its flight is in a southeasterly direction.

The Harvard Observatory announced also an observation from Prof. A. O.

Leuschner, director of the students' observatory, University of California, that may change the name of Skjellerup's comet by identifying it as Brooks's comet. The latter, after a brief career in our skies in 1892, swept along out of sight. If the comet attributed recently to Skjellerup, who reported it, proves to be that of Brooks, the latter will have been added to the group that have closed their orbits by reappearance. Computations by Wood, the South African astronomer, place the probable time of perihelion passage for this comet as New Year's Day.

Baade's comet, third of the travelers through the starry space that is under astronomical eyes, is making its first appearance so far as known. All indications are that it is one of those which flash once through our heavens, never to appear again. In a letter received from Senor Jose M. Chacon of the Mexican National Observatory, made public by the Harvard College Observatory to-day, it was estimated that Baade's comet had made its perihelion passage on October 10. The observations on which this estimate was based were made two weeks after that date.

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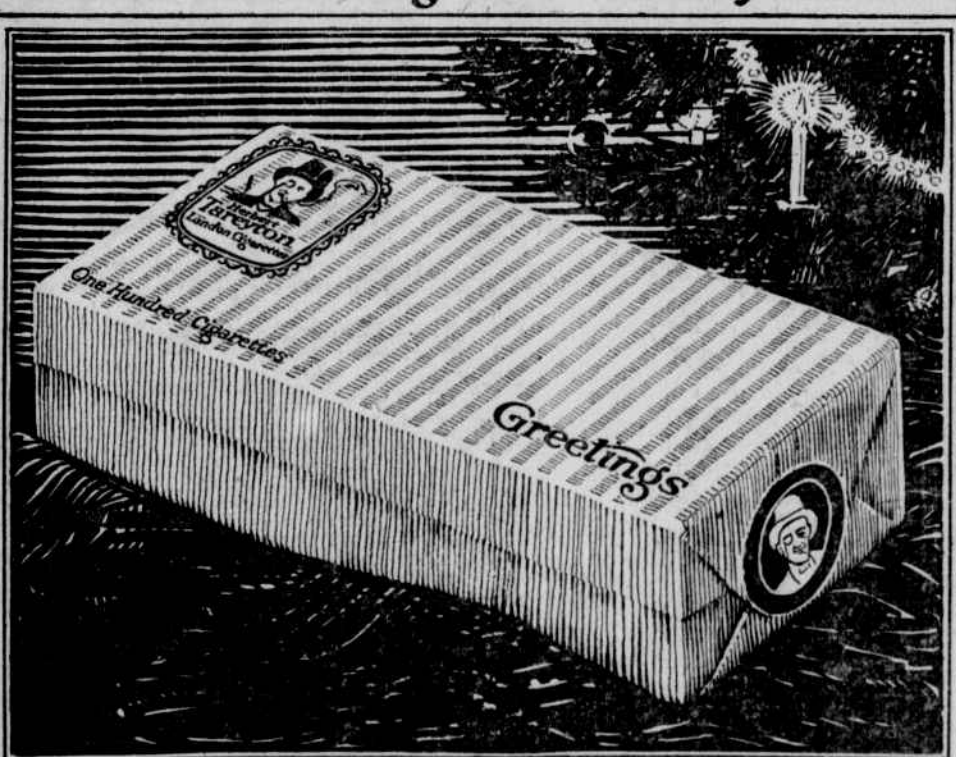
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